

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

March 6, 2007

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M (CT)

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. (MT)

Members Present: Donna Olivier, Cathy Holden, Judy Hoscheid, Laura Johnson Frame, Erin Horstmeyer, Jamie Reiff, Shauna Klipfel, Carli Nigbert, Karla Schlosser, & Divina Baker.

Members Absent: Pat Monson, Anne Reddy, Rozalyn Goodwin, Monica Mayer, Janet Ricketts, Shawna Fullerton, David Calhoon, Barb Hemmelman, & Keith Moore.

State Birth to 3 Connections Staff: Sherrie Fines, Crystal Goeden, and Merle Doolittle.

Guest: Lori Martinec

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Karla Schlosser.

Welcome, introductions and opening remarks by Sherrie Fines.

Sherrie Fines welcomed members and guest. Sherrie also introduced the guest speaker Lori Martinec. Lori is with the Department of Human Services, Statewide Family Support Program.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Donna Olivier made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Judy Hoschied, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Old Business:

An update of ICC membership was given by Sherrie Fines. Jamie Reiff, with the Department of Social Services, CAPTA/Child Protection is the new ICC member. She has replaced Mary Livermont's position.

Sherrie Fines discussed the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR). These documents can be found on the Birth to 3 Connections website <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3/index.asp>. A hard copy of the APR was sent to the ICC members. The SPP/APR are the driving forces for the state's general supervision responsibilities. Each state must have in place a State Performance Plan (SPP) to evaluate the state's efforts to meet the requirements and purpose of the implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA). The SPP is a six - year plan, ending in 2010, which describes South Dakota's performance on the 14 Indicators.

Every state is required by OSEP (Office of Special Education Program) to report annually to the public on the performance of each regional program on 8 of the 14 state indicators with the SPP. Indicators 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are this year's required indicators that will be reported on by the Part C state office. This report can be found on the Birth to 3 Connections website. States will be out of compliance if any indicators fall below the required federal or state target. When a regional program is found out of compliance, an improvement plan is developed. The state will be working with three regional programs on an improvement plan.

The Parent Survey, indicator 4 from the SPP, will be reviewed by the Part C staff, MPRRC, and the ICC members. The data collected this year suggests a few concerns with the survey. A higher response rate was expected because many surveys were delivered in person to the family members by a Part C service coordinator. Sherrie Fines talked about some of the possible reasons for the low response rates with the Parent Survey. One possibility is the length

of the survey. In general, survey research has shown that the shorter the survey, the higher the response rate. The reading difficulty of the items is a second concern and might have discouraged some families from completing the survey. Any non-response percentage above 10% indicates a potential problem with the questions. A revised parent survey will be shared with the ICC members for their comments. Any suggestions are welcomed. The new survey will start July 1, 2007.

Crystal Goeden reported on final numbers for Child Count (December 1, 2006). In 2006 there were 1006 active children with Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP). There were 701 white children; 244 American Indian; 32 Hispanic; 19 Black; and 10 Asian. In 2005 there were 935 children with active IFSPs, this is a 9 percent increase from last year. Between December 2, 2005 and December 1, 2006, 785 children exited the program due to aging out, moving, parent removing the child, child has passed away, etc. This is the first year that OSEP has requested gender data. 2006 child count data shows that there are more boys (628) than girls (378) in the program. The child count data can also be found on the Birth to 3 Connections website.

Karla Schlosser and Erin Horstmeyer, ICC parents, have created a draft letter to request other parents to send in their success stories. The draft letter was shared with the ICC members. This letter will be given to families by the service coordinators to encourage families to share their Birth to 3 stories.

Sherrie Fines discussed the Annual State Application. Every state is required to make public the Annual State Application for 60 days and available for public comment for 30 days. Public notices have been printed in statewide news publications notifying the public about the Annual State Application on the Birth to 3 Connections website. The Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act will be submitted to OSEP before April 20, 2007.

New Business

Lori Martinec, with the Department of Human Services, spoke to the ICC members on the Statewide Family Support Program. A handout was given to each of ICC members on the program.

A handout was shared with the ICC members on the funding of the Birth to 3 regional programs for service coordination. The FFY 2007-08 budget is based on the Funding Formula from the Request for Proposal. The budget amount is based on the number of children in the program as of December 1, 2006; the number of children exiting the program before the age of 3; and at the age of 3.

Public Comments – Karla Schlosser - none

Other Business – Karla Schlosser - none

Next meeting – The next meeting will be June 19, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (CT) over the DDN.

Adjourn – Cathy Holden motioned to adjourn meeting. Second by Donna Olivier. Meeting adjourned.